

St Anthony of Padua

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Weekday Mass: Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.15am. (Thurs 9.15am at Holy Family)

Confessions: 5.30—5.50pm

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Thankfulness

"I am the living bread." 'I AM' is God's own name, which Jesus applies to himself. When he says that he is the Bread of Life, we should note that he is not talking primarily here of the Eucharist, of Holy Communion. Rather, Jesus is saying that he, his whole way of life, his teaching, his attitudes and relationships towards his Father and people, everything that the Gospel tells us about him is real nourishment and food for our daily living. Not to know and assimilate Jesus in this way is to be starved of essential nourishment for living a full life. We eat that bread by absorbing into ourselves the spirit, the truth and integrity, the love and compassion, the generosity and the peacefulness of Jesus. We will then be fully alive – now and forever. [1]

In the Jewish Scriptures bread is often a symbol of the Word of God. Jesus invites us come to him and to feed on his presence, to feed on his word. That word will shape our lives. [2] 'God speaks to us through everything there is. Every person, every situation, everything in creation is ultimately God's Word telling us something and challenging us to respond. Everything is a gift. If it is a gift then the appropriate response is thanksgiving.' [3]

When we speak of the Mass, we often use the word Eucharist which comes from the Greek word which means thanksgiving. When we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, we come to 'feed on the gift of God's word speaking to us through everything there is. We come to deepen our awareness of the gift of God's presence in everyone and everything. The degree to which we are awake to this truth is a measure of our gratefulness, and gratefulness is a measure of our aliveness. It is not happiness that makes us grateful. It is gratefulness that makes us happy. There will be times when we will be challenged to respond fully and gratefully to something we cannot enjoy. Our grateful response will depend on whether or not we have learned to unwrap the gift-within-the-gift: the opportunity to grow. To give thanks, even when we cannot see the goodness of the giver is to find the path to peace of heart.' [3]

When we celebrate Mass – and life – in a spirit of thankfulness for the presence of God's word in every aspect of our lives we will, with St Paul, deepen our awareness of our oneness with each other, 'because we all have a share in this one bread,' the Word of God.

Adapted: [1] Living space [2] Association of Catholic priests [3] David Steindl-Rast

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DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 10th June 2023

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| Sat 6.00pm | <i>St. Ant</i> | Sarah O'Donnell | |
| Sun 9.30am 11.00am | <i>St. Ant H.Family</i> | For first Communion children For first Communion children | <i>The Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (week 10)</i> |
| Mon 9.15am | <i>St. Ant</i> | Graham Worswick | |
| Tue 9.15am | <i>St. Ant</i> | Paula Thompson | <i>Feast: St. Anthony of Padua</i> |
| Wed 9.15am | <i>St. Ant</i> | Lancs Infirm Secular Clergy | |
| Thur 9.15am | <i>H.Family</i> | Special Intention | |
| Fri 12noon | <i>St. Ant</i> | Funeral MASS: Winifred Akers | <i>Feast: Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> |
| Sat 6.00pm | <i>St. Ant</i> | For our parish | <i>Feast: Immaculate Heart of Mary.</i> |
| Sun 9.30am 11.00am | <i>St. Ant H.Family</i> | Eddie Osbaldeston Ray Cope | <i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for Life—Collection</i> |

Last Weekend: Attendance: 204 (99 + 1405). Offertory: £7.

Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Paula Thompson, Ray Cope.

The Catholic Voice

There is a new issue of our free diocesan newspaper at the back of church.

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. is served in the Padua Room after both weekend Masses. You are welcome to come and join us.

Fair Trade Stall

Fair Trade sales were £47.05 with £6 donations to CAFOD. Rwanda sales raised £21.50. Many thanks to all who supported.

The *Rwanda Group Trust* will have a stall on Preston Market on Tuesday, 13th June. Their latest newsletter is at the back of church.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Lawler, Jo Counsell, Bill Embrey, Marie Morris, Carole & Gary Adnitt, Maureen Cafferkey, Les Farrer, Margaret Rainford, baby Mairead, Angela Russell;

We pray for those who have died recently: Jack Adamson, Winifred Akers, Ray Cope; and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Teresa Routledge, Robert Salisbury, Fr. Thomas Harrison, Jackie Bennett-Baut, Robert Whittacker, Roy Garside, Mary Derry, John Gielty, Anne Jervis, Doreen Noon, Thomas Donaghy. May they rest in peace.

First Holy Communions

Please pray for the children and their families as they receive their first holy communions today — the feast of Corpus Christi. The children and their families will occupy all the front part of the church so please fill in where you can. Thank you.

We are very grateful to Jackie, Sue and Angela who have helped prepare the children and their parents for this important step forward in faith.

Annual Corpus Christi Procession — today

- at St. Walburge's Shrine Church on Sunday at 2.00pm. All Parishioners and Parish groups, Schools, Colleges, Choirs, Uniformed organisations, Readers, Religious, Clergy, Catholic Organisations, Families, Children and especially, First Holy Communicants, are all invited to take part, on this special and important Feast Day, in this public act of Witness of our Faith.

St. Anthony's Feast Day

Next Sunday Special 9.30am Mass with representatives of our school and Parish Groups, including a visiting organist for the main organ and St. Anthony's Singers. There will be displays at the back of church too. Get-together straight after Mass in the Parish Centre for refreshments.

St Vincent De Paul - Request for Help

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Food Banks regularly. Tinned vegetables and fruit continue to be requested by the local food banks in our area.

Our local GIFT 92 - Unit 2, off Boundary Road, Fulwood. PR2 3DS - 01772 716572 supports local people in real need and urgently requires donations of furniture, fridges, washers and cookers. GIFT 92 promotes reuse goods for the benefit of those struggling financially who are referred to them for help. If you are able to help please contact by phone or email mail@gift92.com. Free collection service Monday to Friday up to 1pm.

CAFOD Update:

Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love - caritas - is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latest campaigns.

Day of Renewal

Saturday 17th June, 10am – 4pm, at St Clare's, Preston. Led by Barbara Mason with the theme 'The Obedience of Faith'. All welcome.

Churches together Fulwood and Broughton

Annual stroll starts at the Sherwood pub, 7pm for a 7:15 start on Wednesday 21st June. A stroll around the Tower Lane area with prayers for the Coronation and the environment. It will finish at the Sherwood pub for refreshments.

St. Anthony's Wednesday Faith Group 7pm in the Padua Room

'The Story of the Old Testament.' Join us at 7.00pm on Wednesday 14th June for a six week course to explore the basic narrative of the Old Testament. Bring a Bible. For more information contact Jackie Stoprya 07934 667292 or e-mail jackie.stoprya@gmail.com

Flower Festival in Blackpool

St. John Vianney parishioners are celebrating the 90th anniversary of their church with a